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EDITORIAL

June 2022

Hello and welcome! It's amazing how fast the year is spinning by with summer starting on the 21st let's hope we get to enjoy a glorious summer!

The Bar Hill Fête & Festival is coming at the start of July - if you'd like more information please see the leaflet included in this issue. If you don't have one please email me and I'll send you the details!

The Parish Council election results (with our list of elected Councillors) is on page 26 with a welcome return to daily opening for the Parish Council office for residents to raise their concerns.

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Dear residents,

The Royal British Legion have Jubilee and Falklands anniversary pins for sale, for further information please contact Maggie Cox on **01954 488657**.

We will be attending the Village Fete on 2nd July selling tickets for a wonderful hamper.

Our next meeting is a social event. We are always happy to welcome new members please contact Wendy on **01954 781381** for further information.

Wendy Arrowsmith

Branch Secretary

Dear residents,

You may have wondered about Jubilee celebrations within our village - we did consider holding a village-wide event over the Jubilee weekend but when it came down to it we simply did not have the man-power to put an event together.

We have a Fete committee and a Christmas committee who are focused on their events and we wouldn't expect them to fit the organisation of another event into their plans.

We are aware that many streets are holding their own little street-parties within Cul-de-sacs and hope that you can all find one to be a part of during the Jubilee weekend.

If you'd like us to arrange more central events for the village please join us. The more the merrier!

Laura Chapman, Foxhollow

Bar Hill Residents Association (Chair)

Bar Hill NWR

Bar Hill NWR (National Women's Register) is a friendly group of like minded women who meet, now in The Octagon, every two weeks discussing a variety of topics.



June 9th, Queen's Jubilee: research a significant event of the past 70 years

June 23rd, Gardens of East Anglia

If you are interested in joining please contact the Local Organiser Marie-Thé on **780329** or her deputy Julie on **201502**.

OUR LADY AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

Catholic Church Serving Bar Hill

Parish Priest: **Fr Adrian Gates** (Hospital Chaplain (Resident in Ditton), **01223 622690**), Local: **Buntly Waters** (**01954 201421**)

Mass is now held in the Octagon at 6.00pm on Saturdays.

Everyone is very welcome.

Hedgehog Fact

Hedgehogs are easily distinguished by their spines, which are hollow hairs and made stuff with keratin. Their spines are not poisonous or barbed and, unlike the quills of a porcupine, cannot easily be removed by the animals.

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Dear Editor

At the recent annual parish meeting we heard a presentation by a manager at Stagecoach. He gave us explanations for why changes have been made to our bus service, and told us about plans for the near future. Other enhancements are dependent on increased bus use. Misinformation about what was said is circulating. One comment that is repeated is that nothing has changed. That is untrue, and we are writing to put the record straight. Here is an outline of what we learned.

Significant issues for Stagecoach include the loss of many drivers because of higher wages elsewhere. The company is training replacements, but it takes two weeks for a driver to leave, and twelve weeks to train another. Government subsidies paid during the pandemic have now stopped; the government cannot continue to give businesses financial support without substantial further tax increases.

Significantly fewer people are using buses than were up to March 2020. Combining the no. 5 and no. 6 services is a solution to those problems.

Improvements will soon come into effect. From June there will be buses that will take the direct route to Cambridge at peak times in the morning and afternoon. That will not bring any reduction in the frequency of the combined service. Further improvements will be made when passenger use increases. Attractive new fare deals are being offered that will mean reductions in cost for regular users.

Stagecoach will not be reinstating the late-night bus, and it will not improve bank-holiday services. There is very little demand for either. The company cannot run uneconomic buses, nor can passengers be expected to fund them.

Complaints were made at the meeting about the hourly bus that goes round the village. The introduction of this is life-changing for some older and disabled people. Those who cannot walk far can now get to Tesco. Before the village centre was redeveloped that service was offered. It takes only a few minutes to get round the village.

Many villagers do not realise how fortunate we are regarding our bus service. Huge areas of East Anglia have no buses at all on Sundays. We have splendid bus drivers too. They are patient with those who struggle with the language or with hearing, ask complicated questions, have trouble finding their card or the fare, and are unsteady on their feet. They remind the forgetful that they have reached their stop and clear the road when blocked with waste bins. For negotiating the vehicles parked in Girton and Oakington they deserve a special mention.

We encourage bus users to support Stagecoach. That will enable them to achieve their intention of providing the kind of service we need.

Jenny Knight and Christabel Cary

The deadline for submissions is 6pm on the 15th of the month. Please send submissions to bhn-editor@barhillca.org - the earlier the better!

June 2022 Service Timetable

6 June	Coffee Stop	Foodbank	Citizens Advice 9-12	Listening Ear (Mental Health Support)	Health & Wellbeing
13 June	Coffee Stop	Foodbank	Citizens Advice 9-12	Listening Ear (Mental Health Support)	Carers Café 10.30 – 11.30
20 June	Coffee Stop	Foodbank	Citizens Advice 9-12	Listening Ear (Mental Health Support)	Health & Wellbeing
27 June	Coffee Stop	Foodbank	NO Citizens Advice	Listening Ear (Mental Health Support)	PC Surgery

Coffee Stop: Pop in for a coffee, a piece of cake and a chat with friends, old and new!

Foodbank: No need for any vouchers. If you are struggling financially, drop by and let us help you

Citizens Advice: Whatever your enquiry, meet with our experienced Citizens Advice advisor or book an appointment by ringing 0800 088 6522 or BarHillAdvice@gmail.com

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Health & Wellbeing: On the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month, take advantage of some exercise guidance from our experienced coach and visiting speakers

Carers Café: On the **2nd Monday** of the month, by Maple Surgery, who will be providing support for any carers in the village, even if you are not a patient of Maple Surgery.

Parish Council Surgery: Speak in person with a Parish Councillor on the 4th Monday of every month

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BAR HILL WARD - DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Welcome if you are new to the village, contact me if I can help in any way or you would like more information

My grateful thanks to all residents who voted for me in the recent local elections, I will do all that I can to support you and our village. Even if you didn't, I am District Councillor for all the residents in Bar Hill whatever your choices, if I can't resolve your query/problem then I will try to help finding who can.

News from South Cambs DC

A man has been prosecuted for falsely claiming COVID business support grant.

A man has been given a criminal record and ordered to pay a fine after claiming a business support grant from South Cambridgeshire District Council that he wasn't entitled to.

40-year-old Adam Hass from Queens Close, Beck Row, Ipswich, appeared at Huntingdon Magistrates' Court in March 2022 and admitted one count of fraud by false representation.

Mr Hass was convicted, given a criminal record, and ordered to pay over £700 in investigation and legal costs for wrongly claiming a COVID assistance grant intended to support struggling businesses during the pandemic. These COVID business support grants use Government funding and are administered by Councils. Former company director Mr Hass falsely claimed a £10,000 grant under the company's name for business premises in Linton that his firm no longer occupied.



In court, the bench expressed their concern relating to the monies lost to the public purse. Mr Hass will have to pay the money back.

This is a lesson learned and if you need financial help please contact South Cambs Benefits.

Community forums

Community engagement forums take place in locations where major development is planned (Bourn; Cambourne; Cambridge East; North East Cambridge; Northstowe; North West and West Cambridge; and Waterbeach). These generally take place three times per year. The dates for the summer 2022 forums are below.

There will be further updates which will have links to social media posts, however,

if you know of anyone who might be interested in their area, these dates are being put forward. If you would like further information I can let you know or look on South Cambs website where agenda will be published nearer the date (dates are all Wednesdays);

15 June – Waterbeach

22 June – Cambridge East

29 June – North East

Cambridge

6 July – A428 Development Cluster - Cambourne

6 July – A428 Development Cluster - Bourn Airfield

13 July – Northstowe

20 July – North West and West Cambridge

Welcome & please contact me if you would like further information, help, or advice
Cllr Bunt Waters - bunt.waters@ntlworld.com 01954 201421/ 07734 690580

Bar Hill Church news

Services

Sun 29 May, 10:00 am	Quaker meeting
Sun 5 June, 10:00 am	Holy Communion (Anglican)
Sun 12 June, 10:00 am	All Together Worship
Wed 15 June, 10:00 am	Midweek Holy Communion
Sun 19 June, 10:00 am	Holy Communion (Reformed)
Sun 26 June, 10:00 am	Morning Worship



Children's activities

We have slightly altered our arrangements for children's church. On the first and third Sundays of the month, children have their own activities in the Octagon. Children will sit with their families in the main church before the service and depart with their leaders shortly after the service begins. On fourth Sundays, only the under-8s have separate activities and the older children remain in the church. On second Sundays, services follow an 'all together' format and all the children remain in the church.

Church Contacts

Church Office	Ian Farr	01954 206120 church.office@barhillchurch.org.uk
Address	Bar Hill Church Centre, Hanover Close, Bar Hill, Cambridge CB23 8EH	
Website	https://barhillchurch.org.uk	
Facebook	https://facebook.com/barhillchurch	

Bar Hill Church is currently in a period of pastoral vacancy, following the retirement of our minister. If you have a query and you are not sure who to direct it to, please send it to **enquiries@barhillchurch.org.uk** and we will try to pass it to the most appropriate person.



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Thank you for visiting our stall at the Bar Hill Community Market. Our profits through Rosie in Stitches are over £600 so far in 2022.

Rosie in Stitches will be at the

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We are continuing to join marketplace events on facebook, details are on our page [**facebook.com/RosieinStitches/**](https://www.facebook.com/RosieinStitches/)

We are continuing to accept donations of unwanted crafting materials for our crafters to use or for us to sell on eBay. We are still recruiting new crafters to our team, with some lovely toys and cushions received recently.

New members are always welcome, whether to contribute financially, to join our team of crafters or display a small selection of wares. Contact Mary Sanders on **01223 356615** further details are given on our website

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All the very best for summer 2022.

Thank you for your continued support.

Stay safe

Avril Williams | **01954 782431**

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HAPPY HOURS - June 2022

The Happy Hours club meets in the main bar area of the Bar Hill Sports and Social Club between 2 and 4pm on Friday afternoons for tea/coffee and cakes, getting together with friends, fun and games. All of this for only £2 per person. The bar is open if you want something extra.

We are looking for new members to join us, so if you are 50 or over, want to get out, see some old friends, meet some new ones and have some fun why not come along and join us.

Special thanks to Tesco/Community team for the bundle of Easter goodies – very nice they were and perfect for sharing. Also thanks to Carol, Rita, Helen, Joan, Patricia and Pat for the homemade goodies we've enjoyed over the last couple of months (Really hope I haven't forgotten anyone!)

Coming up:

3rd June: Queen's Platinum (70) Jubilee - indoor pot luck picnic - Noon – 4pm

10th June: Bingo and a Quiz

17th June: Father's day

24th June: Midsummer

1st July: American theme

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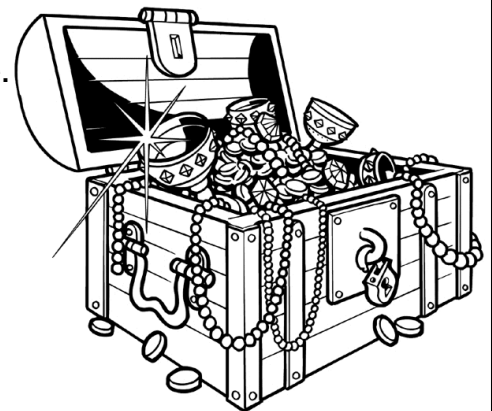
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In other highways maintenance news, following complaints by residents, there will be remedial work done on path resurfacing and gulley clearing. Residents reported that in The Spinney slurry seal was put down in quickly and unevenly, which has caused difficulties – big puddles, uneven walking surface, trips and falls. It seemed to be sinking. Also there were works in preparation whereby contractors threw a lot of turf into a ditch, causing blockages. The County has promised to inspect the problem and arrange for resurfacing and the removal of the grass cuttings from the ditch. I would

be glad to know of any similar problems, so that I can help by raising them with Highways.

It's great that there are plans being developed by local residents to make use of the derelict buildings (in this case, the disused garage). National Highways and others own the site, but there are no plans currently for them to make better use of the site. I have been

working with officers at the County Council to encourage them to consider how to facilitate positive solutions for this corner of the village, and support residents in their initiatives.



SPECIAL PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Bar Hill Church
3pm, Sunday 5 June

Everyone within our wonderful village is invited to join us for a short service to celebrate the platinum jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen.

This will be followed by a complimentary cream tea and cakes.

Join us and together let us express our appreciation and thanks of our wonderful monarch and her 70 years of tireless service.



In May, Bar Hill Preschool have been carefully watching some caterpillars as they change into butterflies. They have just emerged from their cocoons so we will be releasing them this week.

We have taken part in the Book trust event 'pyjamarama' and shared our favourite stories. The last two weeks of May will be busy with our annual photos and we are all looking to our jubilee event to celebrate the Queen's 70 years of reign, on the last day of term.

Are you interested in finding out more and booking a place for your child? Contact enquiries@barhillpreschool.co.uk or call 01954 782892. You could also visit our website www.barhillpreschool.co.uk for an enrolment form.

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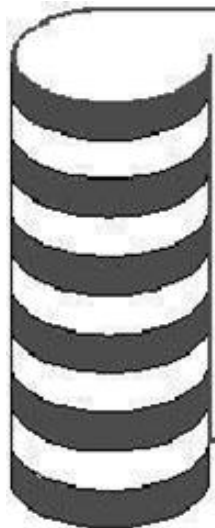
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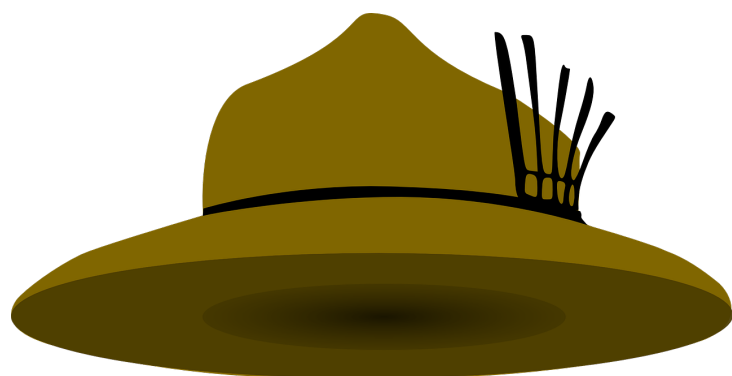
1st Bar Hill Scout Group

The Scouts have been getting back to proper scouting for the last few months having a 1 night camp at half term and a 3 night camp at Easter learning the skills necessary for life under canvas. The Scouts put up tents and cooked on wood fires. On St George's day they took part in a fun filled afternoon of activities including archery.

The Troop meets on Friday nights for a mix of training; recent nights featured pioneering and a hike to learn map reading. The various activities gain scouts activity awards which lead to the Chief Scouts Gold Award.

Games are played with great enthusiasm and lots of fun.

Leaders have been busy with ongoing improvements to the



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<https://bit.ly/3sSeRRl>

3. GP: Register with the local GP. They will also require sight of the guest's passport for each person and their permit to enter form and will need to attend in person to fill out the GP registration form.

4. IMPORTANT INFO: Make a board/list of the important numbers and your address (as host) so when you are not around, your guest can call these places or quote your address if they receive phone calls requiring these, e.g. DWP, GP, school etc.

5. SCHOOL: Register any children within local schools.

6. BENEFITS: Contact the Job Centre+ where specialist DWP Work Coaches can assist with Universal Credit applications, which will incorporate obtaining an NI number, essential for obtaining work.

<https://bit.ly/38EGy9i>

(there is also a link at the bottom of this page with NI number guidance)

7. WORK: Finally, once in possession of their NI number, your guest can then apply for work. There are numerous local businesses offering

work. The Government has confirmed that Ukrainian refugees are able to work in the UK for up to three years. If you have a guest or a guest is arriving imminently who is keen to find work, please email openforbusiness@scams.gov.uk. Their Business Support Team is collating information about local job opportunities, including for people who don't speak English or have limited English, and they will be happy to try to match guests with work placements in the coming weeks and months. You may wish to signpost guests to the local Job Centre for support.

FSB (the Federation of Small Business) has advised that they are writing to the Foreign Secretary to offer assistance to entrepreneurs and business owners who leave Ukraine to settle and set up small businesses in the UK; they will provide a link to further information for people in this situation when this is available.

<https://bit.ly/3yM6CtX>

8. TRAUMA: every guest is likely to present with some manifestation of trauma and will require support. The following article provides an excellent insight:

<https://bit.ly/3MBOAXH>

The following link to the UK governing body for professional psychotherapists will also be helpful for locating local trauma therapists: [www. BACP.co.uk](http://www.BACP.co.uk)

9. PROBLEMS:

Barnardo's has set up a free helpline (**0800 148 8586**), staffed by English, Ukrainian and Russian speakers, to offer support. The helpline is open Monday – Friday (10am - 8pm) and Saturday (10am - 3pm).

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Just a reminder for all 2021 members that all memberships fell due for renewal on 1st April and as usual the court access code was changed from that date. 2022–3 membership details are available on our web site and you can join and pay on-line.

Membership entitles you to play at any time throughout the year until 31.3.23 as well as at our Tuesday and Thursday club nights. There is an active WhatsApp group for members to share information and find playing partners.

If you would like a “taster” your first visit to our Club nights is free and we welcome players of all abilities – why not give it a try. Tennis is an excellent way to keep fit and enjoy the summer evenings in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Courts can also be hired for private play via our website.

Our Adult Club nights are Tuesdays & Thursdays 6.30 to 9pm through to autumn and beyond if the weather is favourable.

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Bar Hill Primary aims to be a school where children's rights are at the heart of our ethos and culture, to improve well-being and to develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential. As part of this plan we are working towards recognition as a 'Rights Respecting School', an award given to schools on behalf of Unicef UK.

Unicef is the world's leading organisation working for children and young people and their rights. In 1989, governments across the world agreed that all children have the same rights by adopting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). These rights are based on what a child needs to survive, grow, participate and fulfil their potential.

Children will learn about their rights by putting them into practice every day. A Rights Respecting School models rights and respect in all its relationships.

We really hope that you will be able to support our school on our journey towards becoming a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School. It would be great if you could spend a few minutes reading through our questions & answers on the back of this letter, and also find a bit more about the Convention on the Rights of the Child by visiting unicef.org.uk/crc. For further information about Rights Respecting

Schools please visit:

www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa

In April, all children enjoyed an

assembly and workshops hosted by Rock Steady. The Rocksteady Programme is for all children aged 4-11 and is proven to progress musicianship, confidence and teamwork skills with no prior experience necessary. Children are now learning the electric guitar, keyboard, drums and vocals and enjoying playing in a happy, supportive environment with their friends.



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Knit and Natter Group

We are delighted to announce that the “Knit and Natter Group” will be meeting again after around 18 months.

We can be found in The Octagon on a Thursday afternoon from around 1.15 p.m.

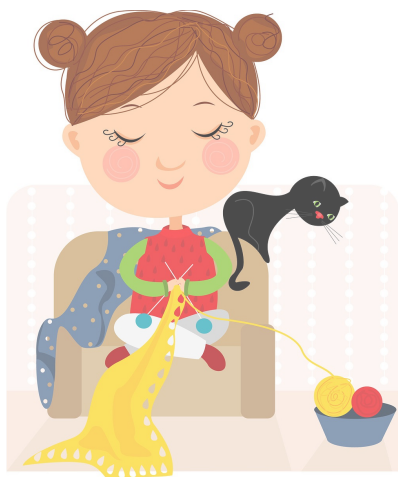
This group is well established in the Village having started in September 1997 in Joan Smart’s house with around 6 people.

We have grown since then and welcome around 40 ladies each week. The purpose of the group is to provide friendship and a regular social event and knitting projects for the Knitters to work on. (Our afternoon is punctuated by tea and cake!) Most of the knitting is given to charities who need baby’s clothes and blankets. (However, you do not have to knit to belong to the group.)

We have provided plenty of baby hats for the new born babies at The Rosie Hospital in colours (red, amber and green) to indicate whether they need extra attention. We have sent sets of baby clothes to a Children’s orphanage in Sachi Bondu in Africa and many, many blankets to Care Homes, and provided hand knitted hats, scarves and gloves for Christmas in poorer European countries, among many other things.

We are always happy to welcome new people into this friendly group which has proved valuable to many people living alone and/or newly moved into the village.

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Facilities and Governance

The site has undergone various small extensions and a complete rebuild over the years to continually improve the facilities such as the provision of WiFi.

The large Main Hall has multi-purpose vinyl flooring, making it flexible for all types of events. There is a kitchen alongside the Hall with a serving hatch, making it useful for self-catering at parties, discos and the like. The licensed bar can be booked on request and will be serviced by the Sports and Social Club. The Hall opens out onto a large patio area that is ideal for external activities or a spill-over for internal events and has two bolted gates that lead off the premises.

There is also a small Meeting Room, with its own independent access and great for meetings of up to 10 people.

The Village Hall is a UK-registered charity (number 1002579) and run by a committee of trustees who are committed to the on-going development of the Village Hall's role as a key community facility.

To make a booking, please visit our web site **barhillvillagehall.com** and then email **enquiries@barhillvillagehall.com** to confirm arrangements.

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New Council

A new Parish Council was elected on 5 May 2022. Bar Hill Parish Council currently has 6 Councillors. These are Bunty Waters (Chairman), Anthony Mitchell (Vice Chairman), Brian Howard, Geof Tamulonis, Lindsey Bladen and Geoff Caswell.

The Parish Council would like to say a big thank you to the Councillors who have stood down at this election, Andy Pellew, Peter Stockton and Sue Jenkins.

Parish Council Office Opening Hours

The Parish Council Office will be open to the public Monday to Friday 09.30-11.30. Other times available by appointment only.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Parish Council would like to thank all the residents who came along to the Annual Parish Meeting. If anyone has any further comments for Stagecoach, please get in touch and they will be passed on.

Grass Cutting

Our grass cutters have now started cutting the grass around the village. Please could

residents help by keeping the grassed areas free of obstacles and ensuring vehicles are not left close to or on the grass causing obstruction for access by mowers, or potential for damage by grass cuttings for debris. In these cases, the contractor will have to leave these areas uncut. We hope the weather holds so that after the first couple of cuts all our green spaces are looking neat and tidy for everyone to enjoy.

Flytipping

It has come to the attention of the Council that flytipping has been going on around the village. If the responsible person(s) cannot be found the clear up falls to the council. The costs for removal are then payable by the council from taxpayers' money. Please could residents dispose of their waste correctly.

Lost Property

The Council has a range of lost property. If you have lost something in the village over the last few years please get in touch by email with a description.

Next Meeting Dates

Full Council Meetings: 16 June, 21 July

Environment & Amenities Committee Meetings: 1 June, 7 July

Useful Links

Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 (South Cambs DC); <http://bit.ly/bh-dogfouling>

Environmental Crime (South Cambs DC); <http://bit.ly/bh-envirocrime>

Damaged Street Nameplate (South Cambs DC); <http://bit.ly/bh-streetnameplate>

Reporting issues with roads, paths, street lights, etc. (Cambridgeshire CC); <http://bit.ly/bh-highwaysfault>

Report a non-urgent Crime (Police); <http://bit.ly/bh-reportcrime>

Our local library in the village has now re-opened. The opening hours are:

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Thursday, Sunday: Closed

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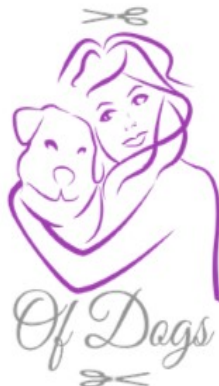
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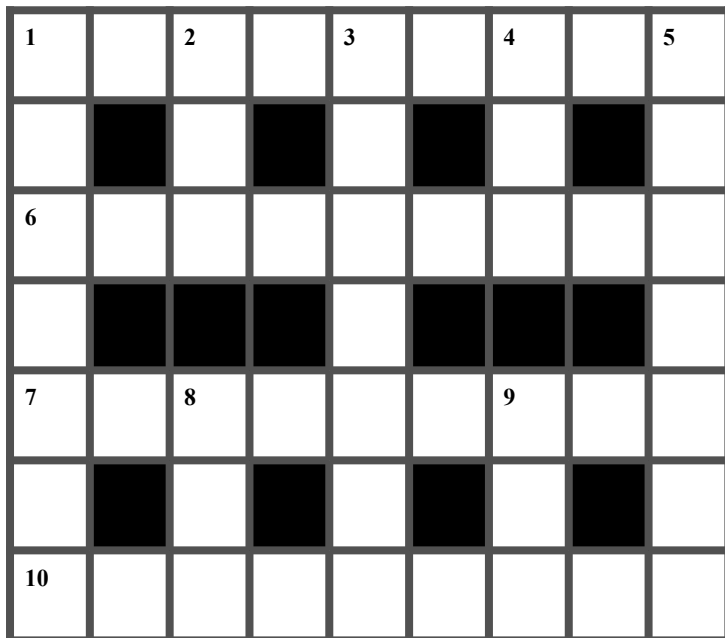

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All the Guiding units in Bar Hill District are looking forward to spending time outside and having adventures away from the meeting place this term.

We are celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a District event on Thursday 26th May which will include planting a tree as part of the Queen's canopy.

If you would like more information about Girlguiding in Bar Hill District, please don't hesitate to contact me (di.gunton@outlook.com) or look on the Girlguiding website: Girlguiding.org.uk

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Helping Hedgehogs in June

The mating season now begins in earnest.

If you hear loud snuffling noises at night in your garden, it may be hedgehogs mating. After courtship, the male will leave the female to rear the young alone.

As the growing season starts, hedgehogs are at greater risk of being killed or injured by lawnmowers and strimmers, so please take care while gardening. We can help hedgehogs by putting out fresh water and small kitten biscuits / wet cat food or food especially made for hedgehogs.

For help and advice please contact Liz Dams - **01792 988898** or Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital - **07947 361187**.



Kirsty holding Rodney who was about to be released back into the wild

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in The Meeting
room of the
Octagon

27-OCT: AGM to be held at 7.30pm in the
Meeting room of the Octagon

24-NOV: Christmas Event, time and place
to be announced

We will hopefully be able to do the Poppy
Collection as usual in Tesco during
November.

For further information please contact
Wendy Arrowsmith on **01954 781381** or
Malcolm Cox on **01954 488657** or just
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We would like to say a big thank you to all
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Bar Hill Cricket Club

It hasn't been an ideal start to the season, with bad weather affecting our youth training sessions and the misfortune of playing probably the best team in the league in our first adult match.

However, by the time you read this, we are confident we will be fully in the swing of things!



The youth training sessions are on the village green every Wednesday from 6-7pm and is open to all ages from 8 to 14 (or thereabouts) and no previous experience or equipment is necessary.

Our qualified and DBS-checked coaches will run the sessions and all equipment is provided. The cost is £15 per player for the whole summer (siblings of the first child enrolled cost just £10).

On the field, the highlight of the first couple of league matches was James Barclay scoring 45 away to Stapleford.

Many thanks for those who supported our quiz night at Bar Hill Sports & Social Club, raising money for club funds – thanks to the social club and Tesco for donating raffle prizes.

Keep an eye on our website at barhillcricket.org.uk or on our Facebook page for the latest information. We are always on the lookout for new players – if anyone is interested, please get in touch as below.

Due to the vagaries of the fixture list, we only have a couple of home matches in June but are busy with away fixtures.

June's home fixtures:

Saturday 11: Milton III (CCA league)

Tuesday 28: Newton (midweek league)

Paul Stimpson

BAR HILL SKATEPARK

Welcome to this month's update!

We met on the 10th May in the bar area of the Sports and Social Club and there were lots of topics for discussion.

Fundraising is something the team is very keen to work on, and we have begun talking to Funded Team who manage a list of open grants across the UK who might be able to help us fund the new park.

Unfortunately in order to really engage with people offering grants we need to put together designs and costings - something that is being worked on as we speak!

A sub-group is meeting at the site of the old Skatepark at the end of the month to put together some outline designs so we can then approach construction companies for approximate costings.

We also discussed possibly building the base in Year 1 with a few ramps and then adding to it in future years.

The working party has decided to attend the Village Fete this year to meet and discuss with local residents what the plans are, and how they are going to be delivered. We look forward to seeing you there!



Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th June in the Social Club, to tide you over until then here's a video of the old skatepark from in 2013; www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ag4jHcDmNJU



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Huntingdon Concert Band 18th June 2022 19.30 at Bar Hill Church.

We are delighted to announce the return of this popular Brass Band Orchestra to Bar Hill Church after an absence due to the Covid pandemic.



This upcoming concert uses themes from “Barnum” as its inspiration. There will be a mixture of Show Music, popular tunes and some new pieces.

The price for a ticket will be £8.50 and £3.50 for children. Light refreshments will be available to purchase during the interval. Tickets can be reserved or obtained from (S&TKennington) **01954 780260** kennington@supanet.com or M&M Cox **01954488657** maggieandmalcolm@gmail.com or reserved at Bar Hill Church **01954 206120** office@barhillchurch.org.uk



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Staffing

We welcome
Dr Ogundaini
back to the



practice from the end of April, following his secondment to Waterbeach Surgery. He will be working on Thursdays and Fridays. Dr Isiodu will continue on a Monday and Tuesday and Dr Bartke on a Wednesday.

We now have a full admin team. Welcome to Fleur and Malan who have joined the team in the last few weeks.

Appointments

We have now started to offer commuter nurses clinics to help those who find it difficult to attend the surgery during working hours. We are open at 7.30 each Tuesday and are holding a Saturday morning clinic once every 4 weeks from 9.00-12.30. These clinics are for all routine nursing requirements, including blood tests, cervical screening, asthma reviews, diabetic reviews and hypertension monitoring.

We have also reopened online booking for some telephone consultation appointments. These can be booked via our online service.

During the month of April the surgery lost 1 hour and 40 minutes of our clinical pharmacists' time and 8 hours 50 minutes of our nursing teams' time due to patients not attending their appointments. Please remember to call the surgery to cancel an appointment if you are not able to attend so that we can offer the appointment to someone else who needs it.

Welcoming Ukrainian refugees to Bar Hill

We are aware that some residents of Bar Hill have kindly offered to house

those who have found themselves displaced from their homes due to the war in Ukraine. These people are very welcome to register at the surgery to receive medical care whilst they are in the UK. We have had the registration forms translated into Ukrainian to help with the process and can offer translation services for appointments where needed.

Covid Spring Boosters

A spring Covid booster is being offered as a precaution to those at extremely high risk who received their first booster around 6 months ago. This includes those aged over 75, those in care homes and those over 12 who have a weakened immune system. Appointments for these boosters are bookable via the National Booking service online or by calling 119.



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Help shape policing priorities in your area
Residents across Cambridgeshire are being invited to have their say and help shape policing priorities in their area.

Following a pilot in Cambridge city, Neighbourhood Policing Teams have launched a new way to influence what officers in your community focus on. This online tool provides a quick and easy way to have you say.



People living in Cambridge city, East Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire and South Cambridgeshire are invited to take five minutes to fill out an online survey each quarter so local officers can understand what crime is happening in their area.

Residents are also invited to attend an online meeting each quarter where there will be a presentation on recent policing activity from the team and the results of the survey will be shared. During the meeting neighbourhood teams will be able to listen to concerns, discuss, and allow residents to have an influence on what local police teams tackle.

After the meeting, the team will work on the matters agreed and update residents with progress over the following three months before the process begins again.

Chief Inspector Paul Rogerson, who looks after the neighbourhood teams across the south of Cambridgeshire, said: "Our very genuine desire is to focus our neighbourhood teams on the things that are of the highest risk and

concern for our residents. We are also really keen to tell you more about those things you might not realise or see us doing.

"We want to reach out to as many residents as possible. We're aiming to provide you better access to your neighbourhood police officers, to understand what is happening in your areas from a crime perspective and allow you to help shape the police activity.

"Online contact will never replace police teams being out on patrol to speak with, however residents have told us this is a quick, easy and effective means of getting to know your team and shaping what they do."

Residents can fill in the survey here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/bYXEZWCb3u>

Residents can also see a list of dates for the online meetings over the next eight months and sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/cambridgeshire-constabulary-14356769797>



The Memorial Garden, a place for quiet reflection

My visit to the Memorial Garden in Bar Hill was an extremely pleasant surprise. Situated quietly between the Octagon and the Parish Council Offices, this little space made a huge impression. The five majestic Silver Birches lend privacy and shade while the packed flower beds are a sensual overload of colour, fragrance and the hum of insects.

The garden is very special to many, none more so than Chris Stannard who sadly lost his wife, Geraldine, to Multiple Sclerosis in 2006. I met him there to find out more.

“When the Main Worship Hall was built in 1992, the original Memorial Garden was lost” Chris began “There was nowhere for people to go to think about their loved ones. In 2009, the Rev Ruth Adam and Margaret Sellars, the Chair of the Parish Council at the time, began to plan for a new garden. The pair got together a few people who might be interested in taking on the project”

Chris joined the group and suggested his daughter-in-law Emma Stannard, may be able to help. Emma is not only a qualified horticulturist; she also had experience working with various local councils in their parks and gardens. Calling on the help and ideas from Bar Hill Primary School children, a plan slowly evolved “The children imagined all sorts of amazing things like waterfalls and such like” Chris told me. However, a more modest final design was adopted.

The garden would cost around £10,000 to £12,000. Three thousand pounds was donated by the Parish Council and a further £3000 by the Church. The rest was raised at events held and donations. Contractors were employed and volunteers got stuck in to develop the space,

including ferrying trailer loads of plants from Wisbech and other areas.

The garden is around 13 years old now and is showing signs of wear. “The wooden bench needs replacing. We have decided on a replacement bench made of recycled plastic which will cost £ 1000. The only source of income for the garden now comes from the memorial plaques which are placed around the garden and can be purchased for £100” explained Chris “ At the moment the maintenance gardening is mainly done by Jean Diver, Helen Collins and a few others but we desperately need more volunteers to help. It would not be a huge commitment; we have a big clear up twice a year in the Spring and Autumn, and then there's a little weeding in between”

If you could offer some time volunteering in this special place or would like to purchase a plaque to commemorate a loved one, contact Chris by email at [**c.e.stannard1@gmail.com**](mailto:c.e.stannard1@gmail.com) or by phone on **07711 623 425**.

By Bridget Wilson



Olive Tree Bereavement Group

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday 11th June 2022 at 10.30am in the Octagon.

We will be pleased to see you if you are a regular member, a new member or if you have never been before.

We are conscious that spring is now on the horizon, and hopefully this will help those who find them dark evenings difficult too cope with an extra feeling of isolation and loneliness. If this is you perhaps you will come along and meet people experiencing this to.

This is a very welcoming group where you can talk quite freely and your confidence will be respected. There will be time to share your experiences, listen and have discussion as well as getting to know others in the group, with time for refreshments too.

If you are wondering whether the group is right for you, please phone one of us to talk about it.

The leaders, who are CRUSE Trained, and members of the group will offer a warm welcome and you will be in the presence of people who have been through loss and understand the particular pain and difficulties that this brings.

For more details telephone Sue Kenchington **780260**, Chris Stannard **781978**, or Maggie Cox **488657**.

Crafts Shed - June 2022

CRAFTS SHED

meets on
Tuesday,
Wednesday and
Thursday
mornings in the
Scout Hut from
09.30 to 12.30
approximately.



Crafts Shed continues to become an ever-increasing supportive Charity undertaking restoration projects within the Community. Work has already taken place on Park Benches in the Childrens' Playground, Seats on the Tennis Courts and a bench for the Allotment Society. Restoration work has also been undertaken repairing items for individuals plus restoring furniture including a BBQ Trolley.

We also make Bird Boxes, Bat Boxes, Bug Boxes, Planters of various sizes, herb Boxes.

Would you like to come and join us? The only age restriction is eighteen years and over. Please call in and see us in the Scout Hut at the above times. Most months "Shedders" as we are known give approximately 180 hours per month of their time.

If you would like further information, please contact Chris Stannard on **01954 781978** or **07711 623425** or email Chris on [**c.e.stannard1@gmail.com**](mailto:c.e.stannard1@gmail.com)



Coton Bowls Club is opening in May for anyone who would like to come and play. You can find us on the recreation ground in Coton, opposite The Plough pub. Anyone with a pair of trainers (or flat soled shoes) can play, so why not come along for a friendly game and a cup of tea ☕ or something a little stronger 🍺 afterwards? Parking available.

Our **Bowls for All** open sessions will be on:-

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Tuesday 24 May 6-8 pm



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